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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/596,336	Applicant(s) GORISSEN ET AL.	
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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 October 2009.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9, 18, 20 and 21 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10-17 and 19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant communication received on 10/30/09 has been entered.

Response to Amendment/Arguments

2. The amendment to the specification (including Abstract) is accepted and the objection withdrawn.
3. In light of applicant arguments and support, the previously cited 35 USC § 112 second paragraph rejections are withdrawn.
4. The examiner objected to the term “for example” placed in the bracket suggesting that the language may lead to confusion over the intended scope of a claim.
Applicant amended the claims to now include the term “such as” without any clarification in regard to the intended meaning of this statement. Thus, in light of the clear guidance the examiner is uncertain of applicant intended metes and bounds of the claimed invention and 35 USC § 112 second paragraph is now cited.
5. Claims 1-10, 13, 17-20 were rejected under the 35 USC § 101 rejection. In light of applicant’s amendments the rejection directed towards claims 1-9, 13, 17-18 and 20 is withdrawn. However, claims 10 and 19 remain rejected as non statutory since, as mentioned in the previous office action, software must be embedded in the computer readable storage medium that is non-transitory.
6. Claims 1-21 have been examined.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

7. Claims 1-5, 11, 13 and 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as failing to set forth the subject matter which applicant(s) regard as their invention.

The term “such as” used in the claim language raises a question or doubt as to whether the feature introduced by such language is (a) merely exemplary of the remainder of the claim, and therefore not required, or (b) a required feature of the claims. As a result, the metes and bounds cannot be ascertained. Claims 12 and 14-17 are rejected based on their dependence.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

8. Claim 10 and 19 remain rejected under 35 U.S.C § 101. Applicant invention is directed towards “a computer program product” which must be embodied on a computer readable storage media that is non-transitory (i.e. memory, hard drive, etc.) in order to meet the requirement of patentability.

Appropriate correction is required.

Conclusion

Claims 1-21 overcame the art of record; however, claims 10-17 and 19 are subject to 35 USC § 101 and/or 112, second paragraph rejection.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peter Poltorak whose telephone number is (571) 272-3840. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and alternate Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kambiz Zand can be reached on (571) 272-3811. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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